

12th November 2018

Agenda Item: 6

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

PROPOSALS FOR ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL NATIONAL FUNDING FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE

Purpose of the Report

1. The report presents how the Council intends to spend the additional temporary funding for adult social care that was announced by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on 2nd October, in line with the associated conditions, and requests approval from the Committee for the specific expenditure and establishment of posts where required.

Information

2. The extra funding of £240 million is aimed at reducing delayed transfers of care and will be allocated to councils based on the adult social care relative needs formula. This will mean an allocation of £3.527 million for Nottinghamshire. The requirement is for the money to be used within this financial year so it is available only for use up to the end of March 2019.
3. Further detail about how councils are expected to use the funding became available on 17th October. It is to be focussed on reducing delayed transfers of care, helping to reduce extended lengths of stay in hospital, improving weekend discharge arrangements so that patients are assessed and discharged earlier, and speeding up the process of assessing and agreeing what social care is needed for patients in hospitals.
4. The requirement is for the totality of the funding to be spent on providing adult social care services, in addition to funding already planned; and that proposals for allocating the funding are discussed with local NHS partners, including local acute hospital trusts. There is an expectation by the Department of Health and Social Care that health and local authorities will monitor improvements in the areas mentioned above through local jointly agreed monitoring.
5. The Council will be required to submit a return to the Department of Health and Social Care to show the additional volumes of care and support that the additional funding will purchase.

6. Urgent work is being undertaken within the department to produce and evaluate proposals for allocation of the funding that will meet the criteria and are realistic and achievable in terms of the timescale available.
7. In response to the criteria set by the Government, the department has identified a number of priority areas for use of the funding. These are listed below:
 - increased social care staffing to enable effective hospital discharge planning, including provision of seven day services and support for people with mental health needs leaving hospital
 - increased intermediate care to provide short-term care to support people to remain at home or when leaving hospital. This support can also be used to avoid admission to hospital where appropriate
 - expansion of Reablement provision – a range of short-term services are focused on supporting people to regain their skills and confidence, and helping them to live as independently as possible.
 - ensuring adequate brokerage services – this helps people to arrange care and support services quickly and efficiently, and is available to self-funders and people who are eligible for social care from the Council
 - expansion of capacity in the County's available community-based care provision, such as home care and prevention services
 - intervention that helps the independent sector to increase the availability of adult social care – support will be directed to maximising the capacity of home care and prevention services through recruitment, retention and training of care staff
 - ensuring there is equity of care and support provision across the County.
8. Since the original announcement and the letter confirming the conditions for use of the additional funding, the department has been undertaking urgent work on allocation of this funding to enable capacity and effective performance in conjunction with health partners in the local Clinical Commissioning Groups and relevant Hospital Trusts, to fit in with the deadlines for the November meeting of the Committee.
9. An addendum to this report with the proposals and associated costs will be circulated to Committee members in the lead up to the meeting on 12th November.

Other Options Considered

10. There are no other options for consideration.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

11. Approval is required from the Committee for the proposals for allocation of the additional funding for adult social care that has been made available by the Government. The

addendum to this report will provide the detail on how the Council suggests the funding should be spent in order to meet the required criteria and to support the provision of social care.

Statutory and Policy Implications

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Data Protection and Information Governance

13. The data protection and information governance requirements will be considered on a case by case basis and Data Protection Impact Assessments will be completed wherever necessary.

Financial Implications

14. The financial implications will be included in the addendum to this report.

Human Resources Implications

15. Any specific HR implications will be identified in the addendum to this report.

Implications in relation to the NHS Constitution

16. The proposals are to be discussed with key partners in health, and wider public service partners as required.

Implications for Service Users

17. The proposals are put forward with a view to improving the service and support received by citizens of Nottinghamshire across the winter period.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That Committee approves the proposals to be presented in the addendum to this report for the allocation of the temporary additional funding to support adult social care.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 30/10/18)

18. The Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee is the appropriate body to consider the contents of the report.

Financial Comments (AGW 30/10/18)

19. The financial implications are contained in paragraph 14 of this report.

HR Comments (SJJ 31/10/18)

20. HR comments will be provided once any specific HR implications are identified in the addendum.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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